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## Gulfshore Unhurt

# Storm Blasts Churches



Volunteers operate the disaster unit in Pascagoula

### An Experience

## Home Missionaries Will Spend Week In Clinton

Mississippi College students will learn first hand the inner workings of home missions Oct. 1-4 as visiting missionaries from throughout the country come to the campus for a "Home Missions Experience."

Sponsored by the College and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the four-day emphasis will include morning chapel services and class visitations, afternoon conferences, and evening sessions in the A. E. Wood Coliseum that will be open to the general public.

The week will climax on Thursday night, Oct. 4, with a commissioning service for all newly appointed home missionaries with William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga., as the featured speaker. A presentation of flags of the 50 states will be handled by representatives from the Baptist Children's Village.

"We know this week will have a real impact on Mississippi College students and the people in this central Mississippi area," said Van D. Quick, vice-president for student affairs at the College and coordinator of the week's activities.

### Special Conferences

"The special conferences led by active missionaries on the field will give our students an unusual look at home mission opportunities, while the evening sessions will be worshipful experiences of a unique fashion," said Quick.

Ed Seabough, associate to the executive director-treasurer of the HMB and coordinator of the HMB activities of the week, will be presiding at the chapel services planned for 10 a.m. each day. Among those who will be delivering messages during this period are Fred Roach, president and chief executive officer, Centennial Homes, Dallas, Tx.; Don and Lynn Gurney, missionary associates in student work in Colorado Springs, Co.; Dan Martin, news editor, Editorial Services, HMB, Atlanta, Ga.; and Chaplain Robert

Browning, SAC Headquarters, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, and a Mississippi College graduate.

Music for the chapel services, as well as some of the other services of the week, will be furnished by Paul Smith, a Christian performer from Waco, Tex., plus Darrell, Gerald and Harold Ware, better known as the Ware Triplets, from Oklahoma.

Afternoon conferences will be held at 3:30 and 4:30 each day, with a special workshop on the Use of Media in Missions scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday under the direction of Ben Sherman, audiovisual producer for the Home Mission Board.

### Topics

Conference topics will include resort missions, sign language, interfaith witness, Mission Service Corps, student mission opportunities, the US-2 program, women in missions, ministerial students, the Will of God, the S.P.O.T.S. (Special Projects Other Than Summer) program, home mission careers, Christian social ministries, volunteer opportunities, language missions, careers as chaplains, and others.

"Each of the leaders in these conference sessions are individuals experienced and knowledgeable in their topic areas and we believe this could be some of the most meaningful learning situations our students might experience," said Quick in releasing the program outline.

Worship services, open to the general public, will climax each day's activities and will feature outstanding denominational leaders from throughout the state and the Southern Baptist Convention. They will begin at 7:30 each evening in the A. E. Wood Coliseum with a special feature each night.

"Go Then and Be A Witness," a musical written by Seabough, will be featured on Monday night. It will be sung by the Mississippi College Chorale Choir under the direction of Jack

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By Tim Nicholas  
Apparently, all Mississippi Baptist churches along the Gulf Coast met Sunday in their sanctuaries, despite damage to most of them, including loss of a number of steeples.

Hurricane Frederic, though it blew into Mississippi's neighboring state, Alabama, knocked down a great number of buildings and trees in Mississippi. Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian escaped unscathed as did Baptist related Mobile College.

Hardest hit in the state was Pascagoula with most of its electricity out — some estimated to be out through this week — the coastal town looked wrecked. Businesses generally looked as if they were in worse shape than most neighborhoods. Some mobile home parks were wrecked.

The Mississippi Baptist mobile disaster unit moved to the coast last Thursday and set up at the Pascagoula Civic Center which is behind the fairgrounds.

The crew fed 650 meals Thursday

night and Rusty Griffin, disaster relief coordinator and staffer in the state Baptist Brotherhood Department, estimated 7,700 hot meals were served Friday and Saturday.

The unit was set to serve at least through Sunday lunch, but early Sunday morning, droves of people arrived at the Civic Center to await the opening of a food stamp distribution center.

People began pushing and shoving, grabbing donuts, stealing food given by a local grocery, and filling pockets and purses with sugar and creamer packets. Dan West, also of the Brotherhood staff, phoned police who arrived and established order.

Shortly after, the local Civil Defense director who had assigned the unit to the Civic Center, told them the 40-foot unit was in the way and asked them to clear the area.

So, the crew gave out coffee and tea to the gathering crowd for a while longer and packed up and left Pascagoula at noon Sunday without feeding lunch.

West and Griffin said special thanks should go to members of Arlington Heights Baptist Church who helped in serving meals on Friday and Saturday. Red Cross volunteers delivered many meals to the neighborhoods as

Next week's Baptist Record will print more pictures of damaged churches and hopes to offer more complete information on the destruction.

did several Baptists. The disaster unit crew included Doug Day, Jimmy Smith, Eugene Dobbs, Elmo Bounds, Marlin Blanton, Omega Shamblin, and West and Griffin.

Sue Perry, wife of Bobby Perry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Moss Point, reported that she told her new neighbors from the north that the church had just had an offering the previous week for this (disaster relief services in the state mission offering) "never dreaming we'd be a recipient."

The Moss Point church was reported to have suffered potential structural

damage to its north wall after winds blew off part of the roof.

Calvary, Parkway, and Ingalls Avenue, all lost steeples and water poured into the sanctuaries from the holes. First Baptist, Pascagoula, Pass Road church and Bel Aire, both in Gulfport reported heavy wind and water damages. A mobile home used for Sunday School space at Pass Road was "pretty well destroyed," according to Sam Turner, Gulf Coast association director of missions.

Turner said that First Baptist, Biloxi lost 100 squares of its slate roof with pieces of slate embedded in such things as the roof of minister of education Jimmy Lawrence's car. Pastor Frank Gunn was reported to have a tree across his house which needed to be moved with a crane.

Turner said early estimates of damages to Pass Road church was \$40,000 and to Bel Aire at \$20,000.

Jackson County Director of missions, Allen Webb, who lives along a bayou in Pascagoula, suffered no

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## Baptists Sponsor Refugees

Three families of Indo-Chinese refugees have been sponsored by Mississippi Baptist since June 1, 1979. They are located in Greenville, Taylorsville, and Clarksdale. Seven other churches, groups and individuals have applied to sponsor refugees and are awaiting their refugees at this time.

According to Richard Alford, Mississippi Baptist language missions consultant, dozens of churches and groups in addition to the above number have requested information about sponsoring refugees as a mission activity.

Alford is available on invitation to speak with churches and groups about the possibilities of refugee resettlement. In the Gulf Coast area, churches may also contact Paul Vandercook who works with Jackson Baptist As-

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This family, without electricity, enjoys a meal near the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Unit which fed several thousand meals.

## State Convention Program Firms

The Mississippi Baptist Convention program is pretty well nailed down, according to Graham Smith, minister of music, Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and chairman of the committee on order of business, which determines the program and makes arrangements for the annual business meeting of Mississippi Baptists.

Smith said that the convention which takes place Nov. 13-15 at First Baptist Church in Jackson, will open Tuesday morning with the president's address.

President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for 1978-79 is Bill Causey, pastor of Jackson's Parkway Baptist Church.

That afternoon, the convention sermon will be preached by Bill Baker,

pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton. Alternate would be James Hurt, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Cleveland.

The Tuesday evening session will be missions-oriented and will be led by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Wednesday morning will include an address by Wendell Belew, missions division director of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. Charles Carter, pastor of Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., will speak Wednesday afternoon.

And the Wednesday evening session will be worship only. "No business," said Smith. Jim Henry, pastor of First

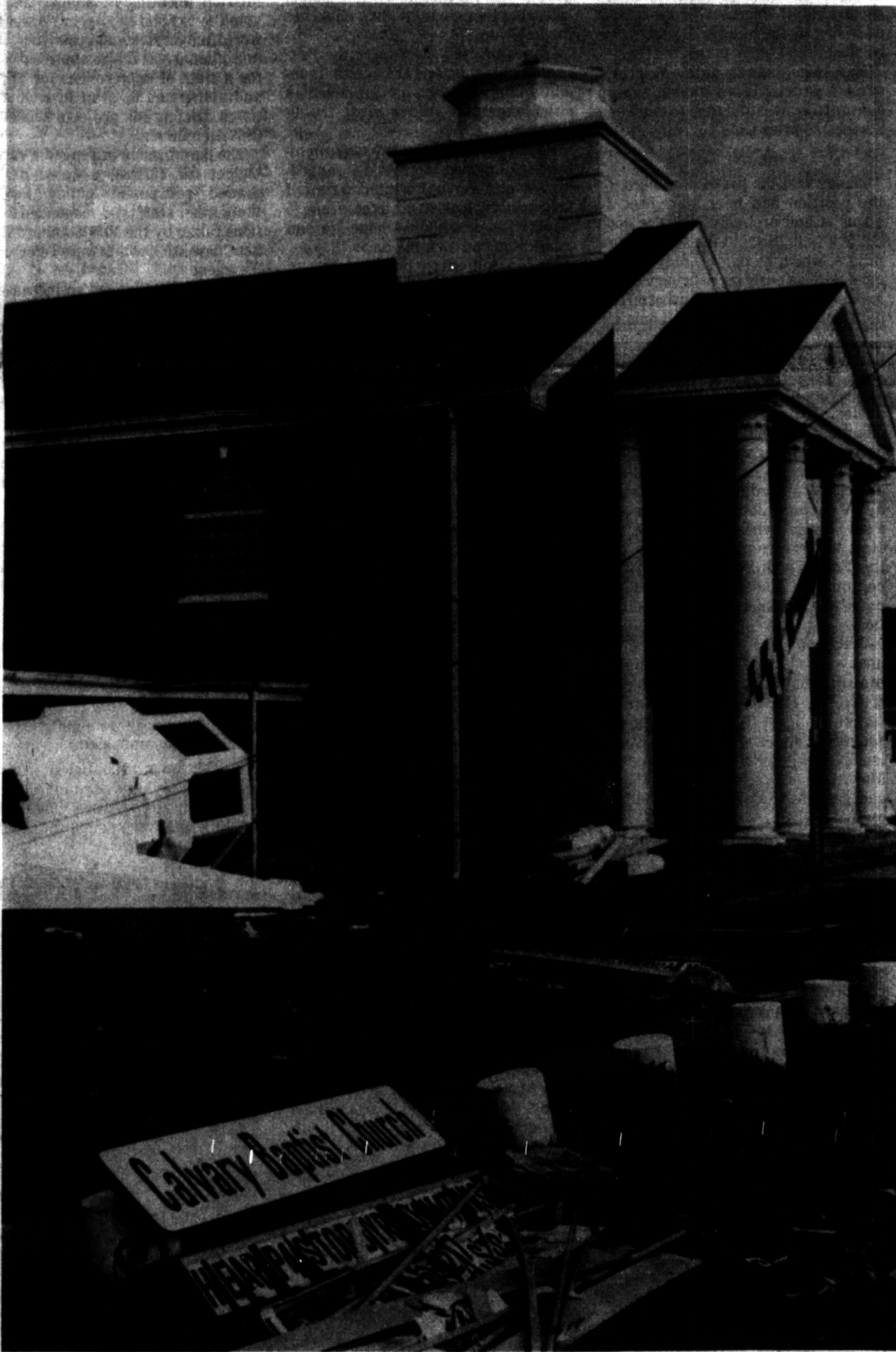
Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla., will be worship leader.

Thursday morning will include addresses by W. C. Fields, assistant to the executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee and director of public relations, and from John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.

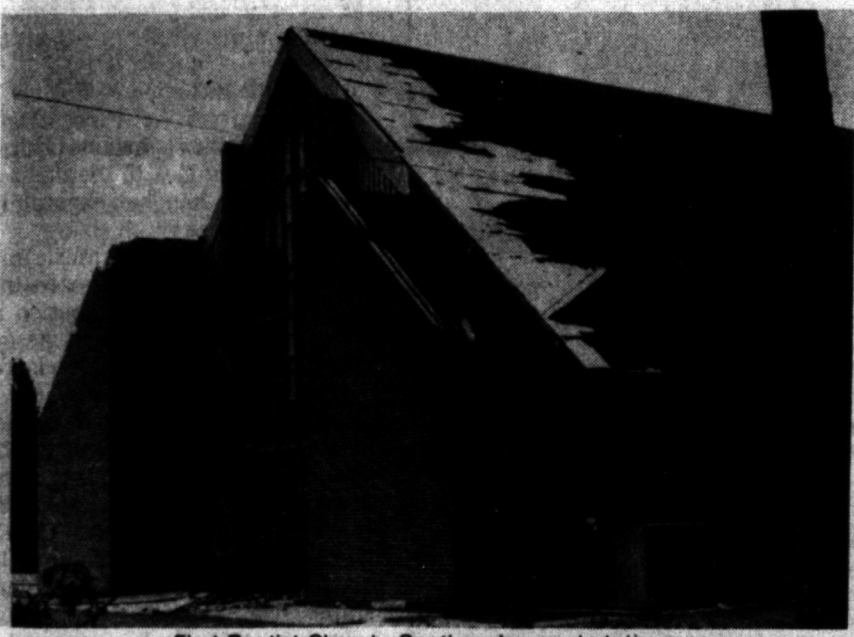
Smith outlined two special events for the convention which he said ought to gather high interest from messengers. Tuesday afternoon, John Newport, of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., will lead a special feature on the occult.

Then, on Wednesday afternoon, mini-sessions relating to the work of

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Calvary Baptist Church, Pascagoula lost its steeple, as did several coastal churches.



First Baptist Church, Gautier, shows wind damage.

## Illinois Names Tupelo Man To SS Post

SPRINGFIELD — William Crider has been named associate Sunday school director for the Illinois Baptist State Association, according to church development director Maurice Swinford.

In this position, Crider will assist Sunday School director David Laird.

Crider comes to Illinois from the First Baptist Church in Tupelo, Miss., where he has been minister of education since 1976. He is also a former public school teacher, as well as an editorial consultant for Scholastic

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## Reins Change Hands At R-TV Commission Again

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Harold E. Martin, chief executive officer and executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, has resigned, effective Sept. 30, to accept a Gannett Foundation graduate journalism professorship at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Charles P. Roden, director of the commission's audience programs division, will be named interim chief administrative officer until the commission's board of trustees elects a new president. Roden, a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been with the Radio and Television Commission for 22 years.

Martin, who became the commission's chief operating officer after Paul M. Stevens was forced by trustees to retire early last February, said he is satisfied with the management reorganization that has taken place under his direction.

As he stepped down after a year at the commission, Martin said management reorganization has resulted in erasure of commission debts, said he had no apologies for unpopular decisions he has had to make, declared that a survey has shown the commission's estimates of television audience have been inflated, and challenged the commission to help the denomination meet its Bold Mission Thrust goals.

Martin resigned officially in a letter, August 20, to commission chairman Fred Isaacs of Cosby, Tenn. It was accepted in a telephone poll of 14 members of the commission's executive committee, Sept. 5. He said he told the commission trustees last February, when Stevens stepped down, that he was not a candidate for the job and that he had "encouraged them to make some kind of decision about a new president by the middle of September because I had other plans."

However, Isaacs said, Martin's name has been listed among search committee possibilities to succeed Stevens as president.

### Nominee List

Isaacs said the list of nominees for the position had been narrowed to about 14 and probably could be soon cut to 9 or 10. He said the search committee, which he chairs, may have a candidate as early as February but at least by June when the Southern Baptist Convention meets in St. Louis.

During Martin's reorganization of the internal operation of the commission, several long-time commission employees have been relieved of their duties. Others have had responsibilities changed. Some have taken early retirement and others resigned.

The changes have brought about criticisms, including a recent charge by TV producer John C. Stevens, son of Paul Stevens, who resigned Sept. 6 to start his own company. Stevens told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that commission leaders have wielded a meat axe and had no sense of direction.

Criticism has also included an anonymous letter writing campaign to mailing lists of commission contributors, trustees and denominational leaders. The campaign has sought to undercut the commission leadership, including references to Martin as "Ayatollah Martin" and charges that Martin has "purged" the staff.

Martin scoffs at the criticism and denies he has felt any pressure from it. Noting that he has grown used to that sort of thing in his career, the Pulitzer Prize winning journalist said, "My background has been in reorganization (as a publisher and executive of a company managing newspaper and broadcast properties). I am satisfied with what has taken place. I came here knowing I would have to make some hard, unpopular decisions."

He said he has been impressed with denominational leaders he has dealt with but added, "I have said many times I don't like the politics in the denomination, but I like the democracy. I

will take the politics to keep the democracy."

He said previous estimates of audience numbers for various commission TV programs were inflated and did not reflect a true number of viewers.

For the first time last year, he said, audience penetration by commission television programs was accurately determined by Arbitron, a national rating service used by broadcasters. Arbitron figures showed that commission-produced programs are seen by a low of 28,500 households and a high of 160,000. The maximum estimated audience is about half a million.

"Back in February, we learned we had no television ministry. That came as a shock to people who had been told they had \$18 million worth of free air time," Martin said. "I am convinced that the average Baptist church member does not identify with the Radio and Television Commission because few of these people have ever seen one of our programs. We must get the message across to the people in the churches."

Martin said the potential for reaching people through broadcasting is "so tremendous it's frightening. But it must be done right. You can't keep pouring money into something that's not working."

He advocated a more intimate relationship between the commission and local churches. "When we get the formula to connect people in the church to the Radio and Television Commission, they'll support it. But we must be good stewards."

"I'm not a pessimist about this commission," he concluded. "I fully believe if the denomination is going to make real its Bold Mission Thrust goals of reaching the world by 2000, we must work out a way of reaching the people with the message of Christ and referring them to individual churches for followup."

Isaacs praised Martin for the "exceptional results and the astute financial management he has produced as chief executive under most trying times."

Roden told commission staff members, "I am under no illusions regarding my position in this interim time. I hope you will look on me as someone to work with, and then I hope we can move along on a stable basis."

Roden indicated he expects the commission to continue "under the same present guidelines in terms of management and policy. We still obviously, are in a very serious condition," he said.

## NOBTS To Celebrate

Victory banners will fly at the International House in New Orleans Sept. 24 when area business and professional leaders gather to celebrate raising more than \$700,000 in the Partnership '79 Campaign for the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The celebration will be held to honor more than 80 persons who helped raise the pledges, far surpassing the campaign's goal of \$500,000. The campaign began earlier this year, involving top business and professional leaders from throughout the city, crossing a variety of denominational lines.

The unprecedented backing and financial contribution from members of the New Orleans business and professional community for the Seminary will be helpful in completing funding for the new \$3.225 million student center complex on the Seminary campus. Funds totalling more than \$2.2 million have been allotted by the Southern Baptist Convention for the student complex. Additional funds from the campaign will be used to increase endowment funds for the ongoing educational program of the Southern Baptist institution.

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## Mississippians Join Missions Program

ATLANTA — Three Mississippi natives are among 32 persons recently commissioned into the Baptist Home Mission Board US-2 program.

Like their counterparts, Mark and Cathy Spain and Tanya Waters are young college graduates who have volunteered to serve as US-2 missionaries — to work in missions endeavors across the United States for 24 months.

The Spains are working through the Interstate Baptist Association to meet the physical and spiritual needs of seamen from all over the world who drift into the port cities of Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash.

Spain is a 1978 graduate of William Carey College in Hattiesburg. He is the son of Mrs. Floyd D. Spain of Gulfport.

Mrs. Spain's parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Roberts of Biloxi. She also attended William Carey College.

Tanya Waters, who first studied about missionaries and their jobs when she was "still a little girl," is serving in weekday ministries in Chelsea Baptist Church, Chelsea, Mass.

She received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Mississippi in 1979. Her parents are the Rev. and Mrs. Franklin L. Waters of Pontotoc.

### Re-elect Claypool

## Commission Expands Hunger, Television And Morality Efforts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, meeting in annual session, voted to expand the agency's work in world hunger, television and morality, and other areas. It also approved plans for a slate of conferences for 1979-80 and authorized its staff to seek additional funding for projects related to Christian ethics.

The commission approved a record budget for 1979-80, adopted an upgraded retirement policy for its 12-member staff, and responded to actions taken by the 1979 Southern Baptist Convention which were referred to the agency.

The \$562,000 budget, an increase of \$31,000 over the 1978-79 budget, includes a seven percent cost of living increase for staff salaries.

Commission members also approved several revisions in the agency's bylaws, including a change in title for its chief executive from executive secretary to executive director and the establishment of an executive committee to act for the commission between annual meetings.

James M. Dunn was presented the social ethics agency's 1979 Distinguished Service Award for outstanding contributions in the field of applied Christianity. Dunn is director of the Christian Life Commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

John Claypool, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., was reelected chairman for 1979-80. He is one of four at-large members on the 30-member commission.

In addition to its national seminar, held annually, the commission approved plans for four new conferences for 1979-80. Two specialized confer-

ences will address the issues of economics, inflation, and energy and moral issues surfaced in the 1980 general election campaigns. Two small consultations will deal with television and morality and peace with justice.

In a step toward generating increased funding for specific projects, the commission voted to employ Robert Cargill Associates of Dallas at a cost of \$12,000 for one year to act as consultant in the area of development. The commission also voted to seek secure funds for a 1980 World Hunger Day packet to be provided to Southern Baptist pastors.

The commission expressed support for a motion approved by the 1979

Southern Baptist Convention which asked the agency "to seek to establish... a broadly based national committee" to develop a system to evaluate television programs, noting that such an evaluating system would be a "useful extension" of the commission's "Help for Television Viewers" program. Since the motion also asked the SBC Executive Committee "to study needs for providing reasonable pro rata funds for the expenses incurred in such a program," the commission also voted to ask the Executive Committee to furnish the agency with the results of its study so that the commission "may respond to the convention accordingly."

## Missionary To Paraguay Will Speak On GA Super Saturday

Girls in Action Super Saturday for central Mississippi churches will be held at Camp Garaywa Saturday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Mrs. Jimmy Barrentine, home and church worker in Encarnacion, Paraguay, will be the missionary speaker. While on furlough, Mrs. Barrentine lives in Crystal Springs. Girls who would like to interview her as a Mission Adventure project will have a chance to do so, according to Waudine Storey, consultant, Woman's Missionary Union, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

No pre-registration is required for girls, leaders, and mothers who attend. Each person should bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

The day's activities will feature Mission Adventure displays, how-tos, and resources.

Los Angeles (EP) — Charles Dederich, founder of the controversial drug and alcohol rehabilitation movement, Synanon, has been ordered to stand trial for conspiring to use a rattlesnake to murder a California lawyer.

## Storm Blasts

(Continued from Page 1) damages to his home, but the associational office received heavy water damage. All along the north side the ceiling caved in and "equipment was rained on real good," he said.

The Seamen's Center in Pacagola was damaged, losing much of the metal covering on the double-wide mobile home.

In other areas of devastation, Baptists remained on the job attempting to help in ministry. The Alabama Baptist Convention has sent out a plea for \$1 million for disaster relief.

The Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission, in conjunction with state Brotherhood departments was coordinating the van operations and the sending of volunteer cleanup teams.

The Louisiana Baptist disaster unit was in a Mobile shopping center set to stay as long as needed, as was the Tennessee van.

The Florida Baptist disaster unit was in Baldwin County, Alabama, across the bay from Mobile. Texas Baptists had sent Bill Arnold to help coordinate volunteers in Mobile.

Florida, Alabama, and Louisiana had 525 men in Mobile to help with

cleanup. Florida sent another 125 into Baldwin County.

The Home Mission Board was standing by to help with disaster relief funds.

## Refugees

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sociation and Gulf Coast Baptist Association in language missions.

Many questions that churches or individuals have about how to help refugees will be answered by a new manual just released from the Home Mission Board. This manual, *Southern Baptist Refugee Sponsorship*, written by Gene Tunnell of the Home Mission Board, who has served in Vietnam, will be sent to every church, group or individual who agree to sponsor refugees.

This brief guide deals with the Indo-Chinese culture in sufficient detail to assist Americans in understanding the Indo-Chinese point of view. It deals with practical procedural concerns in sponsorship and settling of refugees. Miscellaneous guidelines, information and resources are also available in a third section of the guide.

Tunnell of the Language Missions Division of the Home Mission Board says that one-third of a million people are in refugee camps in Southeast Asia. The Home Mission Board has set a goal of 250 sponsorships a month in order to give a Christian assistance to these refugees.

Mississippi Baptists can continue to do their part by agreeing to sponsor refugees. Ten cases sponsored each month would be a worthy goal for Mississippi.

For information concerning refugee sponsorship contact Richard Alford, Language Missions Consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

## Missionaries

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Lyall. The guest conductor will be composer Buryl Red, from New York.

Tuesday will carry a WMU emphasis with Mrs. Helen Fling of Birmingham, Ala., promotion associate in new areas with the HMB, as the featured speaker. There will also be a presentation of Bold Mission America.

Ken Lyle, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle in Atlanta, and a Mississippi College alumnus, will be the speaker on Wednesday evening. He will be followed by a drama entitled "Bold Mission from Adam to Tomorrow" performed by Mississippi College drama students and spotlighting the Ware triplets as special guests.

Thursday evening will be the commissioning service of home missionaries and will include the presentation of flags, introductions, testimonies, presentation of certificates and a charge to the new missionaries by Tanner.

Church choirs taking part in the evening services will include First Baptist, Morrison Heights, Wildwood and Northside Churches in Clinton and Alta Woods and Broadmoor Baptist Churches in Jackson.

## Program Firms

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the Mississippi Baptist Convention and its Board will be offered. The four simultaneous sessions will provide for messengers specific information about the various programs and aims of the work of the convention. Details for these sessions are being worked out now.

## FBC, Greenville Honors Forbus For 25 Years

On September 1, 1979, Kenneth Forbus celebrated his 25th anniversary as Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, 407 Main in Greenville.

First Baptist Church recognized Forbus for his outstanding record of ministry during the Sunday morning worship service on September 2. The pastor, James Hefflin, presented Forbus a plaque and a gift certificate from the church.

Dan Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was present for the occasion and presented Forbus a certificate on behalf of Mississippi Baptists.

Under the direction of Forbus, the music ministry of First Baptist Church has grown to include choirs for all ages, ensembles in the adult and youth choirs, a handbell choir and annual tours by the youth choir.

Total enrollment in the music ministry is 410. Forbus has been active in the Mississippi Baptist Convention and Washington County Baptist Association in which he serves as treasurer.

Forbus is a native of Alabama. He attended Howard College in Birmingham, now Samford University, where he earned the bachelor of arts degree. Then he attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex. While a student in college and seminary, he served on church staffs.

In July, 1954, Forbus received the Master of Sacred Music Degree from

Southwestern. On September 1 of the same year, he accepted the position of minister of music at First Baptist Church in Greenville and has served there since that time.

Forbus is married to the former Catherine Smith, also a native of Alabama, and they are the parents of two children, Rick Forbus of Port Sulphur, La., and Mrs. Charles Pigott (Kathy) of Cleveland, Mississippi. Kathy is organist at First Baptist Church Greenville. Rick is a minister of music and youth at Port Sulphur.

A reception honoring Mr. Forbus was held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, September 9, in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church.

## Illinois Names

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Magazine.

He has two college degrees, and attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth. Crider accepted Christ as his Saviour while a freshman at Northeast Louisiana University. He is also an ordained deacon.

Crider is the second person from Tupelo, Miss., to join the IBSA staff. In 1978, church training director Rick Heironimus came from the Calvary Baptist Church in Tupelo, where he was also minister of education.

West Palm Beach, Fla. (BP) — Palm Beach Atlantic College's board of trustees has voted to purchase \$1 million worth of land from the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, Fla. The land surrounds the college's current campus on South Olive Avenue.

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## "Book Lady" Will Appear At Church Librarians' Banquet

The Mississippi Baptist Church Library Organization Workshop will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26-27 at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. on Oct. 26, and the Friday afternoon general session will begin at 1 p.m.

Earlier publicity listed another town and church, but because of a conflict, the meeting place has been changed to Jackson.

Velma Daniels of Winter Haven, Fla. author of *Patches of Joy* and *Kat the Tale of A Calico Cat*, will speak at the banquet Friday night at 6:30 p.m. at First Church, Jackson. Banquet tickets will be priced at \$4.25.

Lee Poquette, the new music assistant and media director at First Church, Jackson, will lead the worship experiences for the workshop.

Workshop leaders will include Jacquelyn Anderson, and James Rose, consultants, Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Keith Mee, program and field services section, Church Library Department, Sunday School Board; and Jackie Payne, Jackson, specialist with the Mississippi Library Commission.

Conferences will include such subjects as book reviews, book repair, classification, cataloging, promotion, media selection, and ministry of audio visuals.

The Saturday morning session will begin at 8:30 and conclude at noon.

Larry Salter, consultant, Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, stated reservations should be in before Oct. 22. He added, "I would suggest that you begin now and make motel reservations in Jackson."



Anderson



Rose



Poquette



Mee

Velma Daniels is known in Florida as the "Book Lady." She is a newspaper columnist, book reviewer, television hostess, and author. Weekly she commutes from Winter Haven to Tampa where her show appears on WFLA-TV; she interviews authors, publishers, illustrators, and book people in general. Also she is book editor of the Winter Haven Daily News-Chief and writes a column entitled "Bookworm." Since college days she has been director of her church library.

Lee Poquette came to First Church, San Juan, Argentina — Rawson Baptist Church, San Juan, Argentina, recently dedicated a new church building which replaces one destroyed in a November 1977 earthquake. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board supplied \$14,000 to help construct the building. Church members made concrete blocks and worked in three shifts around the clock to complete the project.

Jackson, from Grace Chapel Church in Lexington, Mass., where he was minister of music.

He is a native of Los Angeles, Calif. and has a B.A. in music education from the University of Southern California. He did fifth year graduate study at USC in English literature. From 1972 to 1977 he was assistant to the minister of music at First Baptist Church, Van Nuys, Calif.

## Parkway Dedicates Sanctuary, Hears Cauthen, Hale And Wilder

Parkway Church, Jackson, dedicated its new facilities on Sunday, Sept. 9, with Baker James Cauthen as guest speaker for the morning dedicatory services. Cauthen is the retiring executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

Hale and Wilder, nationally known vocal duo, presented a concert during the evening worship hour.

Over 2100 persons joined in this day of celebration.

The new facilities include the sanctuary with a seating capacity of 1200, sound and lighting systems designed for radio, television and recording, and an expanded pipe organ designed for the new building. Stained glass has been used in the foyer arches which rise to a majestic 60 feet. Stained glass windows in the interior of the building are backlit and are reproductions of the stained glass in the old sanctuary. The baptistry window is the original window from the old sanctuary.

The sound and lighting system was designed by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. The system features auditorium sound, radio-broadcast, choir and special effects and a computerized mixing

system. The lighting was designed to meet needs in drama, television, special services, weddings and musicals.

Related facilities included as a part of the new construction were a new church office suite, prayer room, formal parlor, and music suite with two major rehearsal rooms. Remodeling which was a part of the construction included new covered driveways and walkways, and additions to the existing activities building (arts and crafts room, game room, showers and family room).

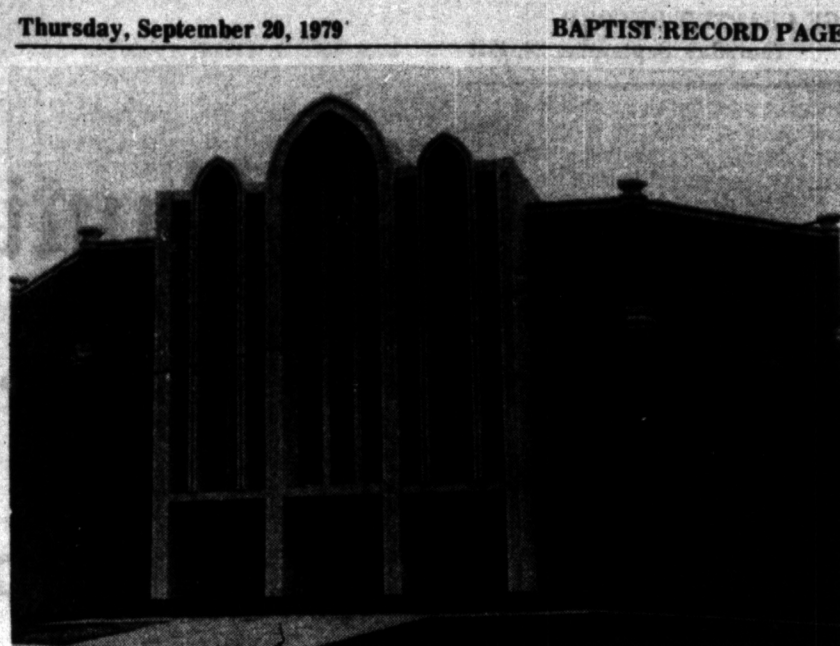
Construction on the new energy-efficient buildings was started in January 1978 to replace the old sanctuary which was built in 1942.

## Christenson Will Teach-Book At Woman's Retreat

A retreat for Baptist Women will be held at Camp Garaywa Oct. 12-14, according to Ethel McKeithen, consultant, Woman's Missionary Union, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. During the retreat, Evelyn Christenson will teach her book, *What Happens When Women Pray*, Saturday between 9:30 and 2:30.

Other personnel will include Laura Fry, Home Mission Board; Lou Ann Lee, missionary to France; and Martha Haggan, missionary to the Choctaw Indians.

Weekend cost is \$24.00. For Saturday only, it will be \$5, which includes lunch. Pre-registration must be in by Oct. 8.



Parkway, Jackson's new sanctuary on West Capitol Street.

## Rohrman Will Speak At 1st, Florence

Larry Rohrman, a former pastor of First Church, Jackson, will speak at First Church, Florence, on Sunday morning, Sept. 23 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., on "Meeting Challenges."

First, Florence plans to build a sanctuary, plus basement with education space, and will be starting a "Together With God We Build" program shortly. Bob Hutcherson is the pastor.

Modesty is the only sure bait when you angle for praise. — Chesterfield

## Church Secretaries Will Meet In Four Areas, In Late Fall

Four area church secretaries' conferences are planned in late October and early November in Starkville, Cleveland, Vicksburg and Ellisville.

The conferences, each with similar programs, are designed to help church secretaries become more efficient in their responsibilities.

Leaders for the conferences will be Lucy Hoskins, Dot Smith, and Linda Jenkins. Hoskins is consultant in the administrative services section for the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Smith is secretary in the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. That department is sponsoring the meetings.

And Jenkins has been secretary at First Baptist Church, Yazoo City for the past 22 years.



Hoskins



Smith

Dates and meeting places are as follows. Oct. 29 at First Baptist Church, Starkville; Oct. 30 at Immanuel Baptist Church, Cleveland; Oct. 31 at First Baptist Church, Vicksburg; and Nov. 1 at West Ellisville Baptist Church, Ellisville.

Each program begins at 9 a.m. with a devotional message and adjourns at 2:45 p.m. Each participant is asked to bring a sack lunch to the meetings.

For registration, write, Leon Emery, director, Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205. Be sure to name the location of the conference participants plan to attend.

## Bolivar Group Builds, Teaches In Colorado

The Bolivar Association group worked with the Rosemont Baptist Church, Montrose, Colorado July 5-12, 1979. The project involved assisting with the construction of an auditorium and related facilities. The ladies in the group did follow-up visitation to Backyard Bible Clubs, taught Sunday School classes, gave testimonies, provided special music at the worship hours and shared in a WMU program.

In addition to work on the building, the men participated in the Sunday worship activities.

Those participating in the mission project were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gullett, Morrison Chapel Church, Bolivar Association (Wayne is Chairman of the Associational Missions Committee), Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hamblin, Byhalia, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Hill of Oxford, Miss Jimmie Nell Noland of Pittsboro, and Odie Henderson, director of missions and member of the Merigold Church.

## Mobile Will Host Heart Of America Bible Conference

The second Heart of America Bible Conference will be held Oct. 11-13 in Mobile, Ala. The conference is designed to help pastors, church staff members, and laymen revitalize their local churches through evangelism, according to a spokesman of the sponsors.

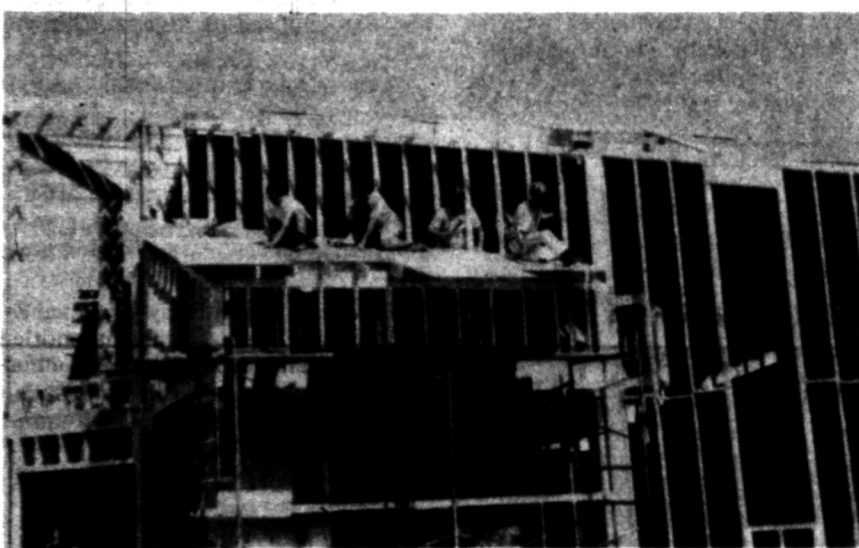
The three-day meeting will be held in the Mobile Auditorium and will get underway at 7 p.m. on October 11. Sessions are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and run through the evening on Oct. 12 and 13.

The conference will feature Southern Baptist leaders from across the country. Scheduled to speak are Charles Stanley, James Robison, Paige Patterson, James Draper, Jack Taylor, Bailey Smith, T. D. Hall and Dudley Hall.

Co-sponsors of the conference are the James Robison Evangelistic Association and the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies. More information about the conference may be obtained by writing Clayton Spriggs, James Robison Evangelistic Association, P. O. Box 18489, Fort Worth, TX 76118 or by calling 817/268-1951.

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## Rosemont Baptist Church



Pictured left to right are Miss Jimmie Nell Noland, Deborah Hamblin, Mike Hamblin, Odie Henderson, Wayne Gullett, Tillie Gullett, Linda and Andrew Hill, Kenny and Jonathan Hill.

## 18 From Lauderdale Finish Sierra Project

Eighteen persons from Lauderdale County were in Alta, California during 8 days in June and July to complete the church building for Sierra First Baptist Church, begun there last September.

The 18 people were: Jeff and Sara Buckley, Calvary Church; Pastor and wife, Jim and Edna Snowden, Kenneth Livingston, Calvin Mills, Joe and Carlene Buntyn, and Turner and Eloise Pigford, FBC Collinsville; Jerry Bishop, pastor, and Houston Garrett, FBC Lauderdale; Buddy Formby, Mt. Gilead; Leland and Maude Snowden, FBC Meridian; Freeman Moffet and

Adair Beeman, Pine Forest; Cal Cooley, pastor, Toomsaba Baptist Church; and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Snowden.

The association had a goal of raising \$3,000 to purchase materials for the church building. More than \$5,000 was collected and all of the electrical wiring and supplies was donated by electric supply houses in Meridian and Philadelphia.

The group worshipped with the church on the last Sunday of their trip. There were 60 people in attendance. . . the largest crowd in the history of the church.

## Beliefs Of Other Kinds To Be Studied At Woodland Hills

Beliefs of Other Kinds will be studied Sept. 27 at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson.

Sponsored by the Christian social ministries of the Hinds-Madison Baptist Association and the Cooperative Missions department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the meeting is open to all persons interested in learning about other religions.

This meeting, which begins at 7 p.m., will include discussion of the Un-

ification Church, Mormons, Jehovah's witnesses, and world religions. Purpose of the meeting is to offer factual information about the beliefs of others, offering approaches to providing Baptists with a ready witness.

Questions to be answered in the meeting include "What do I say when they come to my door?" and "Which faiths really are Christian and which ones are not?"

The meeting concludes at 9 p.m.



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## Editorials

This and that . . .

## Exciting prospect, double delight, a thrill

### Exciting prospect

An exciting prospect is in store for those who participate in the Home Missions Experience that will be Oct. 1-4 at Mississippi College.

At least 25 representatives of the Home Mission Board will be on the MC campus for those four days for conferences, for workshops, and for community services. Many of the 25 will be missionaries. Others will be Home Mission Board staff members, and still others will be missions appointees from all over the nation.

There will be a number of Mississippians on the program. Among those coming from out of state will be Chaplain Robert Browning of the Strategic Air Command headquarters; Chris Elkins, a Home Mission Board consultant on the Unification Church (Moonies) who now lives in Hattiesburg (he married Mini Ekes of the Hattiesburg American); Mrs. Helen Fling, who has been engaged in WMU work in Texas, New York, Europe, and the national headquarters in Birmingham as well as being SBC WMU President; Don and Lynne Gurney, who are in student work at the U.S. Air Force Academy; Beryl Red, the New York City composer; Ed Seabough, associate to the executive director of the Home Mission Board; Bill Tanner, the executive director; and the Ware triplets of Oklahoma.

I will take advantage of the occasion to renew acquaintance with some special friends from my days in California

— Mr. and Mrs. Sam Worley. They are resort missionaries at Lake Tahoe, Calif. Lake Tahoe is on the line between California and Nevada, and Sam and Joan minister in the gambling world of Nevada as well as in the playground of California.

This will be the second occasion in the nation for a college and the Home Mission Board to cooperate in sponsoring such an experience. All Mississippi Baptists who can get to the Mississippi College campus to take advantage of any of this program will be the better for it. — DTM

### Double delight

A double delight was in order on the evening of Sept. 9 as my wife, my daughter, and I attended the service at Parkway Church in Jackson on the occasion of the dedication of that church's new auditorium and other facilities.

The new building is a thing of beauty and is very functional. We enjoyed the opportunity of being in a worship service in the new auditorium.

The program for the service which we attended was the internationally known singing team of Robert Hale and Dean Wilder. I use the term singing team, for they are more than a duo. Both are recognized soloists in their own rights, and their duets are wonderful presentations. Since we discovered Hale and Wilder at a Southern Baptist convention, at Dal-

las, I believe, in 1974, we had tried to attend their concerts when they are in reaching distance.

While I didn't see the remainder of the new construction at Parkway, the 1,200-seat auditorium is nice. It was badly needed at Parkway, and the members can be justifiably proud. The dedication was on the occasion of Pastor Bill Causey's 16th anniversary. Causey is president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

On Sunday morning the speaker was Baker James Cauthen, the executive director of the Foreign Mission Board. On Wednesday there was a musical program, and on Friday and Saturday there was the presentation of a three-act play, "Memorandum," written especially for the dedication.

The musical program on Wednesday was titled "Alive Again" and was presented by the Sanctuary, College, Youth, and Children's choirs of the church. Soloists were Martha Bacon of Clinton and Russell Newport of Springfield, Mo.

The people at Parkway are to be congratulated on their accomplishment. — DTM

### A thrill

The discipline that it takes to win in fierce competition is a thrilling thing to contemplate, and no doubt all Mississippians were thrilled recently when one of ours mustered all of his

generous ability and won the long jump at the World Cup games in Montreal.

Larry Myricks was in third place until he made his final jump. His determination to win produced the longest jump of any active jumper in the world today. Only one man has jumped further in all the history of jumping, and that was in the rarified atmosphere of Mexico City, where longer jumps come easier.

His 27 feet, 11½ inches at Montreal makes him the best in the world at this time, and he is a Mississippian. More than that, he is a graduate of Mississippi College with a major in business.

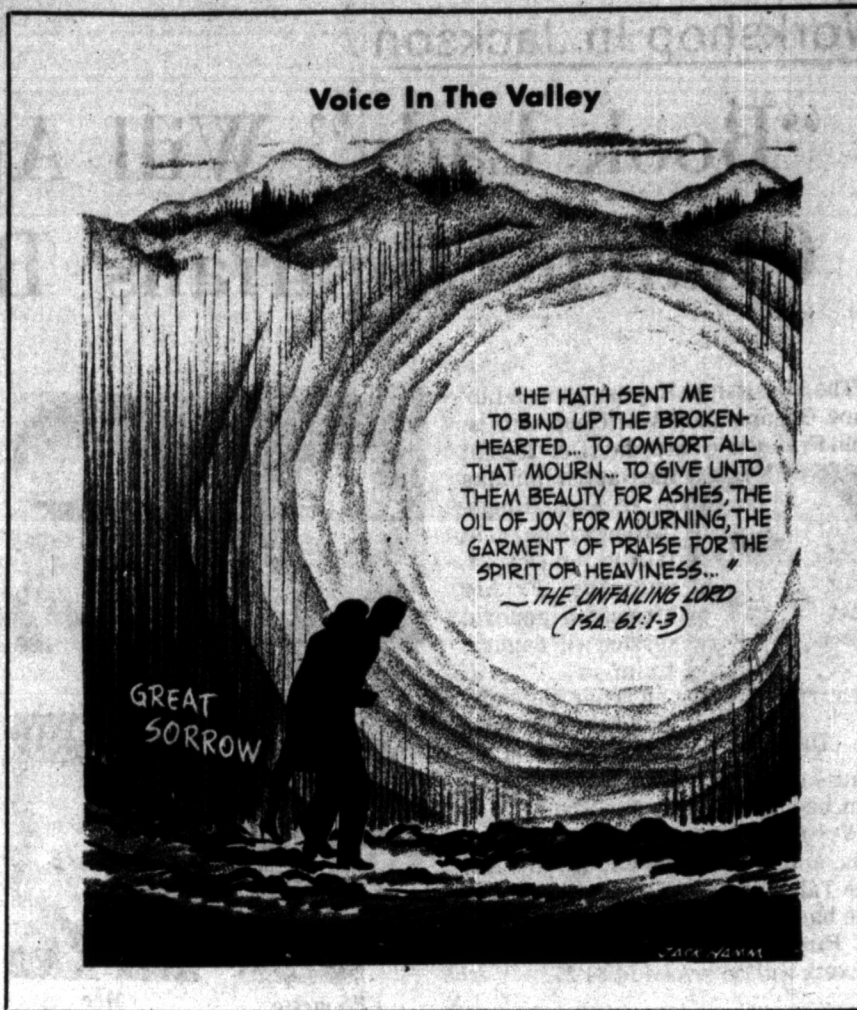
They say out at MC that we Baptists not only helped him to become the world's finest jumper and helped to provide him a Christian education but we also helped him develop into a very fine young man.

The thrill comes when one realizes that Larry fought back to his No. 1 position after being forced out of the last Olympics when he broke his ankle in a practice jump. Now he is aiming for the next Olympic games.

Surely all of us would want to express our congratulations to Larry for his World Cup victory and wish him the very best as he represents our state as a graduate of our college in future competition.

Larry is coming home to Jackson this week and hopes to have a chance to work along with his training until he leaves for the Olympics next summer.

— DTM



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### Phyllis

When Kermit McGregor came last year as pastor of Morrison Heights Church, I got the impression that his wife Phyllis was the most genuinely friendly person I'd met in a long time. Sincere. Nothing put-on about her. Light brown curly hair. Short. Five feet? A hint of laughter behind dark brown eyes. An air of quiet poise.

I wanted to know more about her. Since I only see her on Wednesday nights on her way to Acteens, or speak to her on Sundays, I went over to her house and asked her a lot of questions.

In her den she has a good selection of cross-stitched mottoes that she and her daughter Lisa did. "Next Week We've Got To Get Organized" was the first one she stitched. On weathered wood a painting of Algoma, Mississippi, shows McCoy's Grocery, her father's store.

Does she think pastors' wives have more freedom in these liberated times than formerly? Yes, in some ways. "When I first got married in the 50s I thought preachers' wives had to wear black dresses, little make-up, and be very proper. Now I think the congregation probably expects us to try to be as attractive as possible."

She first met Kermit McGregor at Algoma Church when his family moved to that community. Their first date was at a 4-H Club Square Dance! His family, she said, was "a singing family," so on dates they usually went to singings.

In their mid-teens they got married in Algoma at Pastor James Henry's house. Afterward, she still had two more years of high school to finish and he had one. He was ordained in 1956, the year he graduated from Blue Mountain College in the same class, among the first couples to do so. Then at New Orleans Seminary Phyllis got her PHT (putting hubby through) degree by teaching school.

"I always admired my elementary school teachers," she remembers, "and never wanted to have any career but that of a teacher." Third grade is her favorite. Besides New Orleans, she has taught in Tupelo and Hattiesburg.

"Often these teen-age marriages don't work out," I said. "What is the secret of your success?"

"Accepting each other as we are and each allowing the other to be an individual."

They had been married 11 years when Lisa was born at Bruce, the first baby born in the pastor's home there. She's 13 now. Dale, 9, was born at Winona.

Has it been a problem bringing them up in the shadow of the pulpit? No real problem, she says. "Together we have tried to teach them to do what's right because it is right and pleasing to God, not because 'you are preacher's kids and there is pressure on you.' My prayer has been and is that they will grow up loving God and their fellow man and find and know and do whatever God would want them to do."

Last summer I met Phyllis' sister,

Bernie (Mrs. John Conrad) when she came to Clinton to visit the McGregors. But I did not know then that Bernie has a twin brother Ernie, a lab technician, and that they have a younger sister, Teresa.

Phyllis was born in Pontotoc County in the Macedonia community. When her dad, E. L. McCoy, bought a farm and grocery store the family moved to Algoma. Phyllis was only 11 when she learned how to drive the school bus her father owned and started taking a bunch of folks to church in it.

"A Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Higgs, had great influence over my becoming a Christian," she recalls. She was baptized at Algoma Church at 12.

"I can't say enough good things about my mother and dad," she emphasizes. "We really had hard times. I don't care about returning to the good old days on the farm! I worked hard in the field all day. But my parents taught me that to have faith in God was what was most important in life."

Nowadays she gets up at six and walks a mile. "I'm a morning person." Last summer Dale taught her to swim in the pool at the pastorium. She reads a lot and enjoys entertaining—and cooking.

Here's one of her favorite recipes, for salad or dessert:

3 or 4 bananas sliced, sprinkled with lemon juice; 1 pkg. mixed frozen fruit; 1 pkg. frozen strawberries; 2 cups green grapes (optional); 1 can of peach pie filling. Set in refrigerator for several hours. Stir before serving.

Besides Acteens, she leads adults in Church Training and is substitute teacher in Sunday School. One week she led Bible study for girls in an MC dorm.

Friday afternoons and nights and Saturday mornings are reserved as "family time" in the McGregor household.

Phyllis' advice to other pastors' wives: "Be yourself no matter where you are. Be a wife first, mother second, and church worker third. I feel like one member of the family in the limelight is enough. I like to stay in the background. Keeping your husband going is a full-time job."



### Guest Editorial

## Providing staff 'retirement with dignity'

By Lynn Clayton  
Editor, Baptist Message  
Louisiana

My father retired from the pastorate after 30 years of service with Southern Baptist churches. The church he served when he retired gave him a wonderful retirement party and a "money tree" bearing \$152. That night, he drove home to a house in which he had lived for five years, but was owned by the church.

He owned his car, but he had driven it on the job for three years and it had 90,000 miles on it. His income dropped from about \$10,000 a year to \$310 per month — \$148 from the Southern Baptist Annuity Board and \$162 from Social Security.

He had no equity in a house because for 40 years he lived in a parsonage. Lending agencies, he discovered, had little interest in giving a 67-year-old man a 30-year loan for a house.

When he was in his forties, the Southern Baptist Annuity Board was established, and he was a charter member. His church placed him in the retirement program for the minimum amount. Monthly he paid \$16.67, the church paid \$16.67 and the state convention paid \$16.67. Inflation was eroding the retirement benefit, but each church did what most other churches were doing and participated the minimum. Later churches picked up his portion of the program, but continued at the minimum participation.

My father pastored churches that had larger memberships than the average Southern Baptist church; most had 500 to 750 members. His salary was basic. He lost his share on car allowances and convention travel. He bought life insurance policies, but they were small because there simply wasn't that much money left after paying the bills for a family of five.

Can the churches he pastored be blamed? Perhaps that is not the question. The churches pretty well did what the average church was doing.

But it would have been more appropriate if they had taken the initiative to see that their pastor was cared for adequately. If the churches had striven for excellence, as they expected their pastor to do, things certainly would have been much better for him at retirement. If they had been willing to sacrifice a little, like they expected the pastor to do, a reasonable increase on the annuity program would have meant retirement with dignity for him.

All the churches a man serves during his ministry should accept the responsibility for his retirement. A staff

member 30 years old will retire just as a 60-year-old man will. The years a man serves when he is 30 years old deserves the same adequate retirement benefits as the years he will serve when he is in his sixties.

Staff members of churches obviously are not members of unions and have no bargaining agency to represent their causes during budget considerations. They must depend upon the Christian spirit of their congregations.

What is an adequate retirement program for a church staff member? Of course that varies, but it begins at placing 10 percent of his or her total compensation in annuity retirement. In certain cases, the amount should be more to help make up deficiencies

created by previous inadequate participation.

The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (511 N. Akard Street, Dallas, TX 75201) is anxious to work with any church to update staff retirement programs. There is an Annuity Board representative in Mississippi, Bill Sellers, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, who is available to come to any church to evaluate retirement programs.

Concerned members of churches just need to do their homework during this time of budget considerations. Baptist churches are generally willing to do the right thing, when they understand fully the situation. Caring for our church staff members is right.

## Cooperative Program Needs Strong Show In Last Month

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — In September, Southern Baptists will need to record the third highest month in the history of the national Cooperative Program unified budget to achieve the denomination's 1978-79 national operating and capital needs budgets.

September must yield \$5,679,595 to reach the \$64 million operating and capital needs budgets of the world mission program of Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Through August 1979, the next-to-last month in the fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, receipts totaled \$58,320,405. That represents an 11.29 percent increase over the same point last year but lacks \$5,679,595 of reaching the 1978-79 budget.

The Cooperative Program operating budget of SBC agencies is \$62 million for 1978-79, with another \$2 million ticketed for capital needs.

Already during the fiscal year, the SBC Executive Committee has reported two months which rank at the top of the list in Cooperative Program history. In January 1979, national receipts totaled \$6,002,367, the highest month ever. In February, the third highest month, receipts totaled

\$5,592,262. The second highest month of \$5,784,485 came in January 1978.

Total receipts for the first 11 months include the \$58,320,405 Cooperative Program figure and another \$53,909,515 in designated contributions for a total of \$112,229,919. The designated contributions are 14.37 percent ahead of the same point last year, while total contributions are 12.75 per-

cent ahead.

For the month of August alone, Southern Baptists gave \$5,296,767 through the national Cooperative Program (a 12.96 percent increase over last August) and \$804,191 in designated gifts (a 23.94 percent increase). Total contributions for the month of \$6,100,958 represented a 14.29 percent increase.

## Book Reviews

**AWAKE THE SLEEPING GIANT WITHIN YOU** by Wilma Perry (Fleming H. Revell, 142 pp., \$6.95) The author's premise: creativity is a divine gift in every human being; human potential is a God-given endowment. Mrs. Perry seeks to motivate the reader to a greater appreciation of personal worth. The potential, she says, is a GIANT within us, available to all who are willing to look inside and grasp it. If the GIANT is sleeping, or seems impeded by a physical handicap or environmental factors, one can learn to stop selling himself short and ask, as George Washington Carver did, "Mr. Creator, what would you have me do?"

**WOMEN WHO WIN** by Mary C. Crowley (Fleming H. Revell, \$6.95, 158 pp.) Can a woman be successful both at home and on the job without compromising her Christian values? Mary Crowley, founder and president of Home Interiors and Gifts, Inc. shares the biblically-based formula that has allowed her to become a successful businesswoman and homemaker. Her new book incorporates the wisdom of Proverbs with examples from her own experience to provide women with lessons in leadership. She offers practical advice for setting and achieving goals, whether they be spiritual, intellectual, emotional, or financial.

**THE CROOKED SHALL BE MADE STRAIGHT** by Rosalie Griesse (John Knox Press, \$10, 240 pp.) Mrs. Griesse suffers from the pain of scoliosis — curvature of the spine. Her story is one of fear and resentment, and of faith and courage. Her book chronicles her life from the realization of her illness to her experiences as wife and mother. She approaches life from the standpoint of what she can do. She can drive, swim, parent, teach Sunday School. She can cook gourmet dinners. She has learned to rejoice in her abilities and accept her disabilities.

**SUCCESSFUL FINANCIAL PLANNING** by George and Margaret Hardisty (Fleming H. Revell, 182 pp., \$7.95) Here is a workable knowledge of law for estate planning which is designed to help build and acquire for the future and make the most assets now. Ranging from subjects such as insurance, wills, trusts, joint tenancy, probate and avoiding probate, to facts that the new tax reform and how to save taxes the book deals with a variety of different situations. George Hardisty is president of Christian Estate Planners of California and has practiced law since 1951. Both he and Margaret have appeared across the country conducting seminars.

## Suggestions For Churches Damaged By Hurricane Frederic

By Dennis E. Conniff, Jr.  
Architectural Consultant  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board  
This is the time for our churches to evaluate their buildings. When rebuilding there are several things to consider:

1. Was the building properly insulated? Was there sufficient insulation in the walls, ceiling, and if on a conventional foundation — floor? Were the windows designed to conserve energy? If not, this is the time to change for future energy saving.
2. Many churches had ceilings with celotex that really needed a hard surface material in that they have added carpet and cushions to their

pews. This would be a good time to check into the best type ceiling material to correct acoustical and decor problems.

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# Minister Shouts, Preach Stewardship!

By Anne McWilliams

Thirty-seven Mississippians were in South Africa during two weeks of August, promoting stewardship in the Baptist churches there.

"I have never seen a people so ready to have the Bible taught," said Ulvie Fitts of Tupelo. "They would walk for miles in the rain with temperatures at almost freezing and sit in lantern light inside a cold building with rapt attention—even the children—for hours."

Mississippi churches paid their pastors' travel expenses. Six pastors' wives accompanied their husbands. The group, coordinated by John Alexander, director of the Stewardship Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, traveled 24,000 miles in 22 days, most air travel aboard a DC-10. Stops included Rio and Rome.

South Africa's climate is generally sunny, but the winter nights of August can be frosty. "As we planned a church budget at Soweto," W. E. Corkern of Hernando said, "first items suggested for the budget were heat and electricity." He continued, "Most came wrapped in blankets, the women with the babies on their backs inside the blankets."

## Revival At Varkvli

In the second week Harris Counce of Ripley taught at Varkvli Church in Bophutswana, a black church, the members of Zulu extraction. One hundred twenty miles north of Johannesburg this conference turned into a revival meeting.

Although the majority of South African citizens can speak English, the language of the Varkvli Church was Swana. Counce spoke through an interpreter. "Every night at least 100 came," he said, "nearly all women and children, as the men were away in mining compounds where they stay all week." His lessons on the stewardship of life and his presentation of the plan of salvation turned the week into a regular revival; there were 42 professions of faith.

Counce spent the week in a mud hut with tin roof. Cautioned beforehand not to drink the water, he drank coffee and ate the bag of oranges he'd had the forethought to take along. From Sunday to Thursday was a long time to do without water. On Tuesday night he ate nine oranges.

He was the first white man to stay in the village as a guest. "When they realized that I came in a spirit of love and friendship, they received me with great warmth," he said.

The witch doctor, a woman, sent word she wanted to see him. It turned out that she wanted her picture made with all the paraphernalia of her profession. This gave the pastor a chance to witness to her, and she did come to church one night.

One day Counce walked with a missionary seven miles (three hours) to a mission in the bush. While there he was drafted as a judge in a local baby contest of 500 mothers and babies.

## "Preach Stewardship"

Ed North lectured the first week in The Baptist Theological College of Southern Africa in Johannesburg. He said, "There was not a single book on stewardship in the library, and the young men had never received systematic teaching on the subject. I have never seen such a hunger for knowledge. The students were eager to learn everything possible about the biblical foundations and practical implications of stewardship."

One of the students, who served as North's chauffeur during the week, is the assistant minister of a church in Johannesburg. North worked the second week in Capetown, and flew back into the Johannesburg airport just hours before departure from South Africa. He telephoned the student chauffeur to thank him again and to say goodbye.

The student was beyond himself with excitement! He had preached on stewardship the previous Sunday. Later one of his members had called to say that the Lord had convicted her about the matter, and that she had R1,000 (about \$1200) she wanted to give to the church.

The excited young minister shouted into the phone, "I'll tell you, brother, all we need to do is preach stewardship!"

Of course, North said "Amen!"

## Pinetown

Gordon Sansing of Pontotoc led the stewardship study at Pinetown Church in a suburb of Durban, a European (white) church. He found them having Sunday School in three places because

their building is too small. David Lino, the pastor, told him they are looking at a piece of property where they hope to build. The first building was put up with funds from the Jarman Foundation.

The Pinetown Church has had three pastors since its organization in 1971. The second, Dave Meeker, saw the membership increase from 8 to 150. Average attendance for the stewardship meeting was 60, with three professions of faith.

## Extras

Of the Mississippi group, Ferrell Cork of Aberdeen was chosen to preach at a Baptist church in Rome, to a congregation of at least ten nationalities.

Also Cork was the only one in the group to visit a wild game farm. While he was in a store in Johannesburg he met a man who owned a big game farm 4½ hours drive north of Durban, and got an invitation to visit. He and his wife, Billie, and Erwin Paynter, pastor of Parkhurst, Durban, saw in excess of 50 kinds of wild animals.

Since he took so many photographs he said he plans to give a finger supper in Aberdeen like they have in South Africa (such food as sausage rolls, jelly rolls, etc.) and show slides to his guests.

## Appreciation

T. S. Akers, of Roodepoort, general secretary, South Africa Baptist Missionary Union, wrote to Alexander: "I would like to say a word of thanks to your convention, and to the churches which so graciously sent their pastors to visit with us. The fruit of such training sessions are not always immediately apparent. I believe that only time will really tell what has been done for God's glory."

Harrison Pike, chairman of the Baptist Mission in South Africa, wrote, "Thank you for the contribution you have made to the Baptist life and Union and to the cause of missions here in South Africa."



## Members Build Big Creek Church

Big Creek Church (Wayne) dedicated its new sanctuary and fellowship hall (right) on Aug. 5. The building and the furnishings cost \$124,000 less than the low bid submitted by contractors. The reason for this: one of the members, Cecil Mills, a deacon, accepted responsibility to build the church, saying that he felt he could build it for far less than the bid price, if the church men would offer free labor where possible. The men of the church did much work while Mills acted as the supervisor. R. F. Moore is pastor.

## Calhoun Layman Says:

### "God Is Not Dead In California"

First Baptist Church, Escalon, Calif., was the recipient of help from 23 Calhoun County Baptists Aug. 4-11, when the 23 traveled there to help build a church building and hold Vacation Bible School.

The 23, accompanied by Calhoun director of missions Marvin Bibb, worked from the already-poured foundation and framed up the building, doing much of the finishing work.

When completed, the church will provide 6,034 square feet of space and seating for 200 persons. The building will contain a fellowship hall, kitchen, classrooms, office, study and restrooms.

While the men worked on the building, the women did a religious survey and held Vacation Bible School and a Backyard Bible Club.

Said Bibb, "All 23 who went are eager to go and share anything they can do again. We had an association-wide report on Monday night, Aug. 27, with slides and testimonies. Others in other churches want to have a part in our next endeavor."

Volunteer James Caulder said that

"There are many ways this work has affected my personal life, but I think the most significant one is that of changing my mind about California. Until now all I heard about California could be classified bad. This project has shown me that God is not dead in California and that he is not planning on dying any time soon."

Twelve churches were represented and the volunteers were sponsored by 23 churches. This is the third recent mission trip for the Calhoun Counties. Other mission trips were to South Dakota and to Alaska.

Paynesville, Minn. (EP) — An end to mandatory student fee support of the Minnesota Daily, University of Minnesota publication, has been demanded by the Minnesota Baptist Association. A resolution adopted by the association at its 120th annual meeting here said the so-called humor issue of the Daily published last June had depicted Jesus Christ "as being totally immoral and completely devoid of the characteristics ascribed to Him in the Bible."

## Retirement Tea Will Honor Salem Pastor

Pastor and Mrs. Harry F. Jones are to be honored at a Retirement Tea, Sunday, Sept. 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Salem Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Route 1, Raymond.

Friends and relatives are invited, according to Mrs. Alden McNair, a member of the Salem church.

## Birthday Prayer Calendar For MKs

(Margaret Fund Students)  
Oct. 5 — Timothy Watts (Italy), University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg  
Oct. 11 — Mrs. Virginia Applewhite Pickle (Indonesia), Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.  
Oct. 31 — Margaret Myers (Vietnam), William Carey College, Hattiesburg

## Mack Malone, Deacon, Dies

Mack Malone, 76, died Saturday, Sept. 1, in the Tippah County Hospital, Ripley.

He was a deacon, former song leader and Sunday School teacher in Palmer Church and a retired carpenter.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, at Ripley Funeral Home with burial in Palmer Cemetery.

Landreth Murphee officiated, assisted by Paul Williams and James Byrd.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Irene Caviness Malone of Blue Mountain; a daughter, Mrs. Maxine Curtis of Jackson, Tenn.; a son, Perry Wayne Malone of Blue Mountain; four sisters, two brothers, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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## Missionary News

Kenneth L. Michel, missionary journeyman to Scotland, has arrived on the field (address: c/o James Spaulding, 17 Stonehaven Road, Aberdeen AB1 5US, Scotland). He was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and also lived in Georgia and Mississippi.

Major and June McDaniel, missionary associates to Korea, may be addressed at O Jung Dong 201-5, Taejon 300, Korea. They are natives of Mississippi.

James and Charlotte Walker, missionaries to Malawi, may be addressed at Box 50, Salima, Malawi. She lived in Mississippi while growing up.

Thomas and Gloria Thurman, missionaries to Bangladesh, may be addressed at Telegraph Road, Gopalganj, Faridpur District, Bangladesh. He is a native of Monticello, Miss.

Thomas and Marilyn Nabors, Baptist representatives to Israel, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 19293, Jerusalem, Israel). He is a native of Smithville, Miss.

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First Church, Aberdeen welcomed Ferrell and Billie Cork home from South Africa with an 8 x 12 foot sign in front of the church, plus a reception.



Official board of Quigney Baptist Church, East London, prepares to meet with Bob Barnes of Poplarville, on his arrival.



Women in white, plus men, are members of the choir at Quigney Baptist Church, East London, South Africa.



David Lino, pastor, and his son Nathan, in front of the Pinetown Baptist Church, Durban, South Africa. Gordon Sansing taught the stewardship study at Pinetown.



Barbara Lino, pastor's wife at Pinetown, pours tea.



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Names In  
The News

## Devotional

## The Number Five

## Just For The Record . . .



BETHEL CHURCH, COPIAH COUNTY, Acteens recognized a young woman as Service Aide, one as Queen, and two as Queens Regent in a recent coronation service. Left to right are Tammy Gandy, Queen; Karen White, Queen Regent; Laura Hutchison, Service Aide; Linda Kay Smith, Queen Regent; and Rhonda Harvey, lady in waiting. It was the first time anyone from the church had achieved the service aide rank. Mrs. Jeffie Windom is the Acteens leader.



OAKVALE CHURCH (LAWRENCE) completed a new pastorium in January, 1977. It was paid for in full September, 1978. Pictured above is the note burning held during revival services and homecoming on July 8, 1979. From left to right: MILDRED BARNES and JAMES HILL of the Building Committee; VERONICA PEVEY, treasurer; JOHN DANIEL, vice-chairman of deacons; and DOUG SAXON, pastor. Not pictured are ODA MAE SUMMERS, SAMMIE BARNES, and EDDIE MEYERS of the Building Committee.

First Church of Tutwiler (Tallahatchie) held a Coronation Service for the Douglas Lewis Kellum Acteens, the first in the church in many years. The service opened with a welcome to the congregation by Mrs. Lewis Kellum on behalf of the church and the Woman's Missionary Union.

Five girls were honored in the service. Annette Odom, already reigning as Queen Regent in Service, received a charm bracelet with individual charms signifying her achievements. Patty Lane, Cindy Williams, Daphne Logan and Donna Denney were crowned as Queens.

At a later date, Dawn Pearson received her crown as Queen in a segment of the morning worship service. She was out of town at the time of the Coronation.

Mrs. Mary Ann Henriques was the Acteens' Leader at the time of the coronation.

First Church, Stonewall, ordained Ricky McPhearson to the gospel ministry, July 29. In the 3 p.m. service



Mike Scott delivered special music; Lawrence Massey, retired minister, delivered the charge to the candidate; Ed Perrett, former pastor and presently associate pastor of Woodville Heights Church, Jackson, led the charge to the candidate. The ordination sermon was delivered by Danny Henderson, pastor of Eastview Church, Laurel. After the ordination prayer by Bill Patton, Stonewall pastor, Ricky's father, Rodney McPhearson, of Stonewall, presented him with a Bible.

McPhearson is a graduate of Clarke College, and University of Southern Mississippi, and has attended New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Cindy Smith, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. R. C. Smith, Meridian.

A bus ministry was started at Unity Church at Duck Hill. Dedication services of the bus were held recently with the pastor, Sonny Redwine, in charge.

Albert Britt was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Unity Church, Bellefontaine, recently. Hugh Bland led the charge to the church and Sonny Redwine, pastor, the charge to the candidate. Britt is pastor of Bethlehem Church at Winona.



Four Acteens were crowned Queens and one Acteen reigning as Queen Regent in Service received a charm bracelet in a Coronation Service held recently at the First Church of Tutwiler, Tallahatchie Association. Standing at the reception held afterwards are, from left to right, Cindy Williams, Daphne Logan, Patty Lane, Donna Denney, and Annette Odom. Assisting as crown bearers were Michelle Burton, Deanna Kellum, Jamie McCoy, Shawn Waldo, and Jennifer Henriques. S. M. Henriques, Jr. is pastor.

Kenneth R. Golman was ordained as a deacon at New Salem Church (Franklin) on Aug. 26. Gerald Aultman, pastor of Pleasant Grove Church (Lincoln) gave the charge to the deacons. Clay Hart, pastor at New Salem, gave the charge to the church.

Philip Lynn Madden, minister of music of Twelfth Street Church, Gadsden, Ala., was recently selected for inclusion in the 1979 edition of the "OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA." A native of Jackson, he is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary.

Madden is former minister of music and youth of First Church, Ridgeland, and former minister of music and youth of First Church of Horn Lake. He is married to the former Linda Alice Shirley of Jackson.

Lloyd Philip Dunaway, acting chairman of the Division of Religion at Clarke College, recently received the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Baylor University, Waco, Tex. Dunaway, who has been a member of the Clarke faculty since 1976, wrote a study of the THEODICIES of Karl Barth and E. S. Brightman

for his doctoral dissertation.

Dunaway was one of 20 in the U. S. chosen to attend the "Institute for the Teaching of Post-Biblical Foundations of Western Civilizations" held at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City. He was one of twenty participants chosen to attend from the entire United States.

The main purpose of the institute was to study the varieties of Jewish literature and history written after the Old Testament period.

Dunaway is the son of Mrs. Doris Dunaway of Hattiesburg. He is married to the former Laura Lindley of Meridian.

O. Wyndell Jones, director of the Church Ministries Division of Alabama Baptists and a native of Philadelphia, Miss., was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., at summer graduation exercises Aug. 18. Jones is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He held pastorates in Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Alabama before going to his present position two years ago.

Ronnie Bennett and Barry Pinnix were ordained deacons recently at the Unity Church at Duck Hill. The pastor is Sonny Redwine.

By B. Z. Byrd, Pastor  
Clear Creek Church, Wayne County

I Samuel 17:40 — "And he took his staff in his hand and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook."



We have had many chuckles about why David chose five stones after the student told the professor that David thought Goliath had four brothers; but if we notice the number five in the study of numerology in the Bible, we will find it very significant.

It is the number of redemption or deliverance. "And the Children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt" (Exodus 13:18B). Harnessed implies ranks of five, from Hebrew (Chomesh) Kho'mesh; signifying Moses put them in columns of five in their deliverance.

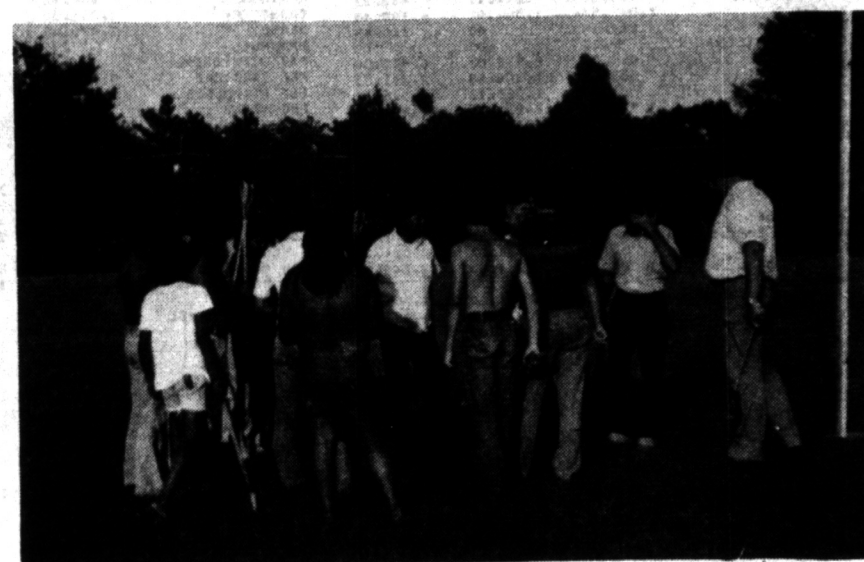
When our Lord ascended far above the Heavens that he might fill all things — "And he gave some, apostles, and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers" (Ephesians 4:11). He gave

us five ways to receive the Gospel through five areas of ministry.

When we see the Lord his body will have five scars; his hands; his feet, and his side. He is our only way of redemption. His legacy involved five parts: (1) His garments to the soldiers who crucified him, (2) His body to Joseph, (3) His mother to John, The Beloved, (4) His Spirit to His Father, and (5) (John 14:27) His Peace to us. In (1 Corinthians 14:19) it is better to speak five words with understanding than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

There is another that uses the same things as the Lord in appearance, but his is counterfeit, and that is Satan. He used the number five in his attempt to exalt himself (Isaiah 14:12-14). Notice he used "I" five times. In (Luke 18:11-12) the Pharisee used "I" five times.

This is not unusual for Satan to use what he can that belongs to God, but his is counterfeit. There is one thing Satan does not have a counterfeit for, and that is perseverance (Matt. 24:13). "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." His nearest counterfeit for that would be procrastination. The Christian does not procrastinate.



## Ruleville Vs. The Choctaws

Ruleville Church youths sponsored a Choctaw Indian stick ball game on Saturday, Aug. 4. The money raised from the game will contribute to a youth trip planned to Glorieta, New Mexico, in the summer of 1980. Above, Indians from Philadelphia show some Ruleville members how to play stick ball. A. M. "Sonny" Moore III is the pastor.

Salt Lake City (EP) — Mormon Church membership is increasing rapidly in Asia, especially in the Philippines where some 5,000 persons a year are now being baptized.

Riddle: If a woman who works in a candy store in Dallas is 5 feet tall, measures 40-30-40 and wears size 9 shoes, what does she weigh? Answer: She weighs candy.

## Life and Work Lesson

## A Constant Witness

First Church, Brandon  
Acts 28:14-16; 23-24; 30-31;  
Philippians 1:12-14

To the prejudiced mind, Paul was innocent of the Jews' charges that he promoted sedition. Lysias, Agrippa and Festus stated their belief of his innocence. Either there was something in Roman law that made a follow-through obligatory once an appeal to Caesar was made; or Festus was still "playing politics" and reluctant to offend the Jews by releasing Paul. Whatever the reason, Paul was sent under guard as a prisoner to Rome.

The trip was quite indirect and filled with danger and disaster. Finally, the ship on which Paul was 275 others were traveling ran aground off the island of Malta and was destroyed by pounding surf, but all persons were spared. They swam or floated to shore where they spent the next three winter months. The inhabitants of Malta were friendly and kind to them.

With the change of season and sea conditions, Paul and the guards (and Paul's accompanying band) boarded a grain ship bound for Rome.

I. Paul's Arrival in Rome (Acts 28:14-16)

The famed Appian Way included the highway from the port of Puteoli to the city of Rome. Having been hosted for a week by gracious Christian brothers in the port city, Paul's group set out on the journey to Rome.

The travelers were not as fast, it seems, as the news of their approach, for they were met enroute by Christians anxious to meet and welcome Paul. The first group met him at the Appian Forum, some 40 miles from Rome, while a second group intercepted the travelers at the Three Taverns, some 10 miles nearer to Rome.

The locations are named to explain the obvious joy that the Roman Christians felt and the distances they traveled to greet Paul. The impact of this welcome on Paul was one of encouragement and thanksgiving. Having been received thusly, the group proceeded to Rome. There, we are told, Paul was constantly in the presence of a Roman guard, chained arm to arm.

II. Paul's Witness To The Jews In Rome (Acts 28:23-24)

Paul's mission still compelled him.

Paul could not be still nor silent. After three days, Paul called for the leaders of the Jewish community partially to plead his innocence, but mainly to proclaim Christ. A second meeting was then set up with much larger attendance. Though the Jews certainly did not wield the same influence in Rome as in Jerusalem, Paul continued his pattern of preaching first to the Jews.

His message included "expounding" and "testifying." He spoke with power, persuasiveness and sincerity of God's great work in Jesus and the offer of God's forgiveness. He quoted the Old Testament prophecies and spoke of the Kingdom of God.

The result was mixed. Some believed; that was success; but some believed not; that was heartbreaking. In a parting comment, Paul quoted from Isaiah concerning calloused hearts, dull ears and closed eyes. Now he would expand his ministry of preaching/teaching in Rome to any and all who would listen: Jew or Gentile.

III. His Witness To All Who Would Hear (Acts 28:30-31)

Paul lived in his own hired house, at his own expense, earned his own living. Even in prison his own two hands supplied his physical needs; he was a burden to no man.

Why was he there for two years? God provided time for Paul to write: letters to the Philippians, to the Ephesians, to the Colossians and to Philemon. God provided time to teach and minister to and through friends like Luke and Aristarchus. Timothy, Tychicus and Mark also visited him. The work of telling the world about Jesus went on. Many came to Paul when Paul could no longer travel to them. In spite of chains and imprisonment, the work went on. It was God's work. Is it any wonder that it was carried out "unhinderedly" (v. 31).

IV. Paul's Effective Witness As A Prisoner (Philippians 1:1-14)

Paul had written to the Christians at Rome about all things working together for good to Christians. Now, he showed the truth of the statement in his lifestyle. Long hours, held close to Roman guards by chains, gave Paul the opportunity of a captive audience. Seizing the opportunity, he witnessed to the guards, not as a chained pris-

oner, but boldly as a regenerated man. The boldness was noticed and its impact extended through the entire Praetorian guard. The example of Paul proved inspiration to Roman Christians.

Certainly Paul was a constant witness, and he "kept the faith" through 30 years of traveling and imprisonment. Wherever he was, he was telling lost sinners about Jesus.

Deacon Dies  
After Beating  
By Robbers

Birnie W. Keating, deacon in First Baptist Church, Sardis, and church clerk for 16 years, died Aug. 7 of injuries sustained Aug. 4 in a brutal beating and robbery at his place of business.

The deacons of the church adopted a resolution in tribute to Keating. In part, it states, "Birnie Keating served his Lord and his church faithfully for many years in a manner that exemplified the respect, love and admiration that we all had for him. His life and the way he lived it, exemplifying his interest and concern for his fellow man, has enriched the lives of all who knew him. In unending love and admiration of his memory and his faithful service to his Lord and church, we, his fellow deacons of First Baptist Church of Sardis, extend our sincere sympathy to his wife and family."

## Swiftwater Will

## Show Film,

## 'Hiding Place'

"The Hiding Place," based on Corrie ten Boom's book by that name, will be shown Oct. 7 in its entire length at 6 p.m. at the Swiftwater Church in Washington Association, six miles south of Greenville on Highway 1.

The churches of the surrounding area are invited to attend this one time showing, according to Walter M. Simmons, pastor.

## Uniform Lesson

## Teaching the Faith

By Ed North, First, Quitman

I Thess. 1:1-5; Titus 1:1-4; 2:11-15

How fortunate we are that telephones did not exist in the first century! "Paul called today to commend us for our courageous witness, and to encourage us to continue growing in the Faith," entered in the telephone log of the church office in Thessalonica, hardly has the same impact as the Thessalonian correspondence.

I don't believe Paul actually preferred to communicate by letter. Too often he expresses a fervent desire to be with the people to whom he writes. He strikes me as a wonderful one-on-one witness. However, circumstances required the letter approach, and we are the richer for it. Paul used letters to provide instructions and guidelines for churches and individuals dear to his heart. In his writings we not only find insight into the full grandeur of the Christian Faith, but we discover the methodology for teaching the Faith.

I. Paul's Positivism

No matter the condition of the people, nor the gravity of the situation addressed, Paul typically finds some grounds for commendation. His introduction in the Thessalonian correspondence (I Thess. 1:1-5) is an example of his penchant for beginning his comments on a positive note. This means to have been his philosophy of teaching. It is an excellent philosophy.

Not long ago I overheard one of my members remark: "I grew up under hellfire and brimstone preaching. Our preachers knew how to condemn a man to hell better than they knew how to preach him into heaven." Too much preaching is "fleeing the sheep" and not "feeding the sheep." Such preaching rubs salt into open wounds.

I believe in hell. I believe that every person who rejects the truth of God in Christ will spend eternity in hell. Hell and judgment are truths which need to be taught. But, what men desperately hunger to hear today is the way of salvation. After all, the gospel is good news.

Perhaps the gravest injustice done to Christianity has been its association with dark clothes and long faces, a list of "don'ts," and unhealthy fear of God, a "fire escape" mentality, etc. In its very essence Christianity is not a negative religion. Paul understood

that and emphasized the positive. That's good teaching!

II. Paul's Personalism

You cannot read Paul's letters, with any degree of sensitivity, without being impressed with his efforts to make the message personal. He uses two literary devices to accomplish this goal.

In the first place Paul makes generous use of names. About seventy co-workers and friends in the Faith are mentioned by name in his correspondence (see I Thess. 1:1 and Titus 1:4 for example). Titus is mentioned several times in the Corinthian correspondence as a "brother," "fellow-laborer," and "administrator." Paul, no doubt, felt an urge to acknowledge his indebtedness to those who served with him. Beyond that, he sensed the impact of a "personalized" witness. These men and women, in whom and through whom God was working, made the message come alive.

In the second place Paul inserted his personal feelings and commitments. The gospel which he, Silas, and Timothy delivered at Thessalonica was "our gospel" (I Thess. 1:5). To the Romans he wrote of "my gospel" (Romans 2:16). To Titus he spoke of the task of preaching "which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour" (1:3). Paul had a strong personal identification with the gospel and its proclamation.

"Incarnational teaching" is still the most effective way to get the message across. As "the Word became flesh" in Jesus, so it must become flesh in the believer to be taken with impact to a needy world. In the final analysis, only truth which is lived can redeem.

III. Paul's Apostolic Prerogative

Paul's authority for teaching is made clear in Titus 1:1, "Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ. . . ." The dual title of servant (literally "a slave") and apostle underscores the fact that his authority was delegated. As "a slave of God," Paul was the total possession of the Father. He had nothing he could call his own. As "an apostle of Jesus Christ," he was the representative or envoy of the King. He had been sent, not with his own word but with the message of his Lord. His authority

then lay in his relationship to God, in his apostolic commission, and in the very Word which he was sent to proclaim.

Teaching which leaves its mark bears a unique authority. Jesus' own ministry was distinct at this point: "He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Matt. 7:29). In the teaching of the Faith we must ever shy away from the authority of personality or position, and ever flee to the authority which issues from Him.

IV. Paul's Persuasions

Finally, the content of our teaching is critical. Titus 2:11-15 presents a happy summary of the heart of Paul's teaching. The salient points of this summary are set forth here for your consideration.

(1) The Incarnation (v. 11). Grace is personified here and is an obvious reference to Christ who has "appeared to all men" as the only hope of salvation. (2) Salvation by Grace (v. 11). All the religions of the world may basically be divided at the point of salvation. Many teach a salvation by works in which the individual earns his paradise. Christianity clearly teaches that man is saved, not through his own efforts but by the grace of God.

(3) Christ's Atoning Work (v. 14). The cross and the tomb stand at the center of our Faith. His sacrificial death satisfied the demands of divine righteousness and cleansed us from the taint of sin.

(4) A Redeemed Church (v. 14). The "peculiar people" of God have been brought into the fellowship of the body of Christ. Purchased by His own shed blood, the Church has been ordained of God as His channel of ministry in the world.

(5) Holy Living (v. 12). The ethical demands of the Christian life evolve out of God's act of grace in redemption. We have been saved to live a life "pleasing unto Him."

(6) Our Lord's Return (v. 13). The grand hope of the Christian Faith is set forth here. God will one day bring time to a glorious conclusion, settle the problem of evil in a final sense, and reign with the Faithful in eternal glory.

